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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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16/01/2015: The Rockall DX Group plans a DXpedition to Qeys (aka Kish) Island (AS-166), Iran, between 16-31 January, 2015. Dates are approximate. QRV on all bands and modes with 5 High power stations. Further information and updates can be found at: www.rockall.be/ and www.qrz.com/db/EP6T [DX-World]

16/01/2015: Col, MM0NDX plans a quick visit to Orkney Island (EU-009, IOSA OR01, SCOTIA OI14, WLOTA 1652) between 16-18th January, 2015. QRV on the HF bands as MM0NDX/p. QSL via IW7EGQ. [rsgbiota.org]

17/01/2015: Ingo, DH0KAA will be active on the 17th of January 2015 and participate in WCA-HBD from Schloss Gymnich (WCA DL-03555, COTA-DL KAB-039). He plans to work on 20, 40 and 80 metres as DH0KAA/p. QSL via DH0KAA, Bureau or direct. [WCA]

17/01/2015: Karl, DL1JKK will be active on the 17th of January 2015 and participate in WCA-HBD from Mylau Burg (WCA DL-01267, COTA-DL SAX-161). On the the 18th of January 2015 from Neumark - Schloss und Rittrgut (WCA DL-04461, COTA-DL SAX-280). He plans to work as DL1JKK/p from 10:00 UTC. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [WCA]

17/01/2015: Serge, UR7UT will be active on the 17th and 18th of January 2015 and participate in WCA-HBD from Tumasch Fortress (WCA UR-00215, UCFA KO-010, URA URA-048, URDA KO-22, QRA Loc. KO50GD). He plans to work as EM7UT on all bands, CW and SSB. QSL via UR7UT, Bureau or direct. [WCA]

17/01/2015: In the context of the new Diploma of Cathedrals of France, our friend Alain F6CUG/p will activate Saturday 17th January the Cathedral Saint Benigne de Dijon (reference DCF-033). Thanks to Alain for the kickoff of this program. QSL via home call, Bureau or direct. [F6FNA]

17/01/2015: Gene, N9SW plans to be active holiday style once again from Saint Barthelemy Island (NA-146, DIFO FJ-001, WLOTA 0377, Grid Loc. FK87) as FJ/N9SW between 17-25th January, 2015. QRV on 40-6m, maybe 80m. Mostly CW. QSL via home call (QRZ.com). [DX-World]

17/01/2015: Mario, SP8P will be active on the 17th of January 2015 and participate in WCA-HBD from Lukow Castle (WCA SP-00726, ZWP LLW02). He plans to work as SP9YFF/8 on all bands. For detailed information please visit: www.sp9yff.pl . Log will be uploaded into the WCA database, ZWP and LoTW. [WCA]

17/01/2015: Vasile, YO6EX/p will be active in Romanian WCA objectives: 17th January 2015 from Ighisu Nou Fortified Church (WCA YO-00448, SB-F31). 18th January 2015 from Medias Fortress (WCA YO-00452, SB-F35). Frequencies: 7030, 10124, 14040, 18084, 21040 kHz +- QRM. TRX: 100w, Ant: Vertical. QSL via home call. E-log: qth.cz/wcagroup/export/log_eng.php [YO6EX]

20/01/2015: John, V47JA says - "I will again be operating from our Calypso Bay, island of St. Kitts (NA-104, WW Loc. FK87PG), W.I. vacation home, located 200 feet from the Caribbean Sea, from January 20 to March 1, 2015 and active on 6-160m (incl. 60m) SSB. Radio: Kenwood TS-590S, and Elecraft KPA500 Amplifier. Antennas: 31', 10-40m Vertical, and 35', 40/80m Top Loaded Vertical; and shortened 160m Dipole. On 6m, 3el Yagi. Also XYL, Cathy (W5HAM) will occasionally operate as V47HAM. ALL QSL's DIRECT ONLY, to my home call: W5JON or LoTW." [DX-World]

22/01/2015: Dick, AD7AF (ex-E51WWA, E51WWB) will be active as T32RL from the Captain Cook hotel, Kiritimati [Christmas] Island (OC-024), Line Islands, Republic of Kiribati, between 22nd January and 9th February, 2015. QRV on 160-10 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. Possible participation in CQWW 160 CW Contest. Logs to Club Log, LoTW. QSL via home call. Web: www.qrz.com/db/T32RL [DX-World]

22/01/2015: Look for Dwight, VE7BV, to be active holiday style as TG9/VE7BV from Antigua, Sacatepequez Department, Guatemala (WW Loc. EK44PN) between 22nd January and 17th February, 2015. Plans are to be QRV on at least 20,17 and 15 metre CW and SSB. QSL via home call, Bureau or direct. Log will be uploaded to LoTW. [DX-World]

23/01/2015: Kenji, JA4GXS will once again be active as JA4GXS/5 from Shodo Island (AS-200) between 23-25 January. Plans are to be QRV on 40-15 metre CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

23/01/2015: Ken, K4ZW will be active again as XW4ZW from Vientiane, Laos, on 23-30 January. Plnas are to focus on the low bands. QSL via K1SE, direct or Bureau, and LoTW; logsearch on ClubLog. Website: www.qrz.com/db/XW4ZW [425 DX News]

LOOKING AHEAD -

24/01/2015: Radio-Club Cambresien, F8KGN, will activate the Cathedral notre dame de Cambrai (DCF 024) on Saturday, 24th January. QRV starting 09:00 local time on 40 metres. Other bands if local conditions and propagation allow. QSL via direct or Bureau. [F6FNA]

02/03/2015: Taka, JA8COE will be active from Falalop Island, Ulithi Atoll (IOTA OC-078), Micronesia, as V63CO between 2-6 March, 2015. QRV on the HF bands. QSL via JA8COE Clublog OQRS, Direct (2USD or IRCs). Web: www.qrz.com/db/V63CO [DX-World]

19/03/2015: Guy, F5MNW will again be active as FR/F5MNW from Reunion Island (AF-016, DIFO FR-001, WLOTA 1812, WW Loc. LG78PU, WWFF FFF-011) between 19th March and 14th April, 2015. QRV on HF the bands, CW only. QSL sure direct/Bureau, please not IRC ! Website: www.qrz.com/db/FR/F5MNW [DX-World]

22/07/2015: Members of the Cray Valley Radio Society will be mounting an IOTA DXpedition to Hirta Island in the St. Kilda archipelago (IOTA EU-059, IOSA OL02, SCOTIA DI23) between 22-28 July, 2015. Operators include Nobby G0VJG, Dave G4BUO, Toby M0TBS, Giles M0TGV, Justin G4TSH, Tony G2NF and Chris G0FDZ. They plan to be QRV HF and VHF CW and SSB (IO75RT), including a Low-Power entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest. If possible, the team will also try to activate Conachair summit (SOTA GM/IS-098). QSL via Owen G4DFI. Note: Dates subject to change / weather dependent. [DX-World]

25/07/2015: Olof, G0CKV will once again be active as SM5CKV/p during the RSGB IOTA Contest (25-26 July) from the island of Harstena (IOTA EU-177, WW Loc. JO88MG). Plans are for a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW is

preferred. [NG3K]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

18/01/2015: The Medway Amateur Receiving and Transmitting Society (MARTS) will be running a special event station GB1FZR - First Zepplin Raid on the U.K. in 1915 where people were killed - on Sunday the 18th and Monday 19th January 2015. QSL via eQSL and details on QRZ.com under GB1FZR. [G0GDA]

U.S.A. Special Event Stations can be found at:
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

16/01-18/01 MM0NDX/P: Mainland Orkney WLOTA:1652 QSL IW7EGQ (d/B)
17/01-25/01 FJ/N9SW: Saint Barthelemy WLOTA:0377 QSL H/c (d/B)
17/01-10/02 S79AC: Mahe Island WLOTA:3286 QSL OE4AAC/OQRS
17/01-10/02 S79AC: Praslin Island WLOTA:2862 QSL OE4AAC/OQRS

6 METRES & UP -

17/01 FISTS Two Metre Activitiy 2m CW 1500z-1600z
18/01 FISTS Two Metre Activitiy 2m CW 1000z-1100z
18/01-19/01 Classic Exchange "CX" CW 6m/2m 18 1400z-19 0800z
20/01 LY 1.3GHz Activity Contest Open/CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
20/01 NRAU 1.3GHz Activity Contest Open/SO/MO 1800z-2200z
20/01 SPAC 1.3GHz Contest CW/Phone/Open 1800z-2200z
20/01 RSGB 1.3GHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
20/01-01/03 V47HAM: St. Kitts NA-104 Grid:FK87 6m SSB 3el QSL W5JON (d)
20/01-01/03 V47JA: St. Kitts NA-104 Grid:FK87 6m SSB 3el QSL W5JON (d)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_jan.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

V6T (OC-132)
Hi IOTA friends!
V6T@JH1NBN website has updated.
We can see about QSL status.
http://www.1nbn.net/
Thanks for Yuki, Your big job.
Regards, de JO1CRA Hide

YB4IR OQRS DELAY -
Hi Island Chasers
YB4IR Imam asked me to relay this info,
Imam and his family are en route to Saudi Arabia for The Umrah until January 24. All OQRS up to January 11 were processed and mailed on January 12.
He will be back on January 24, there will be no mailing or processing of OQRS until then. Please be patient.
Steve, W2FB

QSLs via Bureau: None to report.

QSLs via Direct: 3A2MW (QRZ.com), 7O2A (OQRS/UA3DX), E51CDW (BA4DW), EG2INT [EU-134] (OQRS/EA5KA), PQ5M [SA-027] (PP5BZ), R7AL/5 [EU-180] (H/c), V6T [OC-132] (JH1NBN), VK9XSP (SP6EQZ), VQ9XR (OQRS/N7XR), VR2XAN (QRZ.com), VU4CB [AS-033] (OQRS/W4VKU), YB8RW/P [OC-210, OC-213, OC-222] (OQRS/cba) and ZD7DC (QRZ.com).

QSLs via LoTW: 5B4AHL, 5B4AIF, AA3B, AA4CF, AA4NC, AA8R, AD4EB, AE6Y, DH8BQA, DJ8OG, DL1IAO, DL6JF, EA8RM, EX/HB9DUR, K0PC, K3WW, K6LA, K6LL, K6WSC, KA8HDE, KL7SB, KO7AA, KY4F, LY4A, LY5R, LZ2PT, MW5R, N3AM, N5ZO, N6ZFO, N7IR, N7US, ND3N, NS9I, NW0M, OH0X, VE1DT, VE3KI, VE3MGY, VE7FO, VE7JH, VU2CPL, VY2LI, W4UT, W7RN, WN6K, W7WHY, WA1FCN, WJ9B, WR9D, WT2P, WT9U, WX3B, XE1/DJ4EL, XE2MX, ZD9ZS, ZF2DX and ZL2BR.

BITS & PIECES -

ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK 2015 -

It's time to think to join the 12th AAW, to apply for Special event callsign and get ready to be virtually in Antarctica among the thousands of personnel and researchers who are working down in the Icy Continent.

1) 12th AAW IN FEBRUARY.

Look for the 12th Antarctic Activity Week (AAW) to take place between February 16-22th (2015). This event is promoted by Worldwide Antarctic Program (WAP) <http://www.waponline.it> each year to improve the world-wide attention about the Antarctic Continent and its related matters, with the aim of staying close to the researchers and personnel who are spending their time away from home and families, studying the Antarctic life and its secrets in the so many remote scientific stations in this icy continent. The WAP is also thankful for what the Nations and Research Foundations are doing to protect this still uncontaminated corner of the planet and to share a message of peace among the world. The AAW is a unique event world-wide where Hams (in any corners of the world) sign up and help promote the special attention given to the Antarctica. This worldwide event is open to all radio amateurs wishing to join them using a special callsign which help promote the Antarctica.

All SES with a WAP reference number will qualify for WAP ASEA (Antarctic Special events Award). The WAP Ref. number for any special callsign requested/issued for this occurrence can be provided upon request by sending an E-mail to I1HYW (QRZ.com). The list of participants is still open and is available at:
http://www.waponline.it/AntarcticActivityWeek/tabid/113/Default.aspx

2) How may I register my station for the 12th AAW ?

To enter the AAW, it's necessary to have a Special callsign (not the home call) issued to celebrate the event, or a home callsign /AAW, or /ANT, or /WAP, or /A which stands for Antarctica. To any Special Event callsign will be given a WAP reference number to be used during the event.

The applicants should get, in any case, an authorization to eventually use his own callsign /ANT or /A etc., since just a pure own call is not a special event call, but a classic home call which could not be given a WAP reference number. Participation is open; hunters have to contact as many as AAW SES, which WAP reference number can be used when applying for WAP Antarctic Awards according to the Award's rules.

3) Antarctica Activity February 2015 Award by BRF (Brave Radio Friends)

Hans DE3EAR informs that BRF has planning an Antarctica Activity Award for February 2015 again. Here are the rules for Antarctica Activity Award February 2015.

The award is open to OP and SWL. In February 2015 work or hear as many stations with a WAP number as possible. For the award a minimum of 5 WAP-stations is required. There are no band or mode restrictions. Application with log extract. (No QSLs necessary). The award is available only as a pdf and there is no award fee. Apply via e-mail to de3ear[AT]darc.de . Deadline for application is March 31, 2015.

73' Gianni I1HYW

CE3/DL5DSM, CHILE -
Helmut, DL5DSM will be active from Chile until 10th February 2015 as CE3/DL5DSM. QSL via home call and LoTW. [ATDX]

DP1POL/P KOHNEN ANTARCTIC RESEARCH STATION -
Felix, DL5XL has arrived to the German antarctic summer station "Kohnen" on 14th January (WAP DEU-11, JB05aa, 75 deg 00' S 00 deg 04'E) enjoying sunny weather and "pleasant" -25 C. Today, he will set up the HF antenna system and depending on job duties start operation as DP1POL/p. Activity is planned from 15th until 17th of January (mostly in the evenings and during night) on the following frequencies: 7015, 10122 and 14042. QSL via DL1ZBO. This is a very rare opportunity! [DX-World]

FLORIDA NAQCC FIELD EVENT - on Friday, January 16, 2014 -
The Florida Chapter of NAQCC will hold their January Field Event on Friday, January 16, 2014 from 14:00z (9 AM EST) to 17:00z (Noon EST). This month's adventure will take us to Lake Ashby Park, a few miles South of New Smyrna Beach on SR415.
Please listen for WB4MNK, WB4OMM, AA4W, KG4LAL, AB8GU, and K3RLL on 7.060, 10.116, 14.060-14.062, 18.080, 21.060 and maybe 28.060. We will make sure we are "spotted" on the various reflectors.
Anyone even remotely close to the Daytona Beach area, please feel free to come by and share our stations or bring your own.
Look for us on the bands!
Steve WB4OMM, NAQCC-FL

VQ9XR Diego Garcia Island AF-006 [Postponed]
January 13, 2015
Bob, N7XR, informs ICPO readers:
The trip has been postponed due to logistics. I will advise you when I know the new dates.

WCA HAPPY BIRTHDAY (WCA HBD) -
On January, 14th will be six years sharp since the date of World Castles Award Program foundation.
In connection with this event on January, 17th and 18th, will take place activity radiohams from castles and fortresses of the world - WCA Happy Birthday (WCA HBD).
At present we have support from radiohams of some countries who will be active from castles and fortresses their own countries during these days.
Further information at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/main.html
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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